(5) G.S.R. 765 (E), dated the 3rd November, 2008, publishing Indian Administrative Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Eleventh Amendment Regulations, 1958, along with delay statement.

(6) G.S.R. 766 (E), dated the the 3rd November, 2008, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Pay) Third Amendment Rules, 2008, along with delay statement.

(7) G.S.R. 855 (E), dated the 12th December, 2008, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Twelfth Amendment Regulations, 2008.

(8) G.S.R. 856 (E), dated the 12th December, 2008, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Pay) Fourth Amendment Rules, 2008.

(9) G.S.R. 862 (E), dated the 18th December, 2008, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Thirteenth Amendment Regulations, 2008.

(10) G.S.R. 863 (E), dated the 18th December, 2008, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Pay) Fifth Amendment Rules, 2008.

(11) G.S.R. 898 (E), dated the 30th December, 2008, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Fifteenth Amendment Regulations, 2008.

(12) G.S.R. 899 (E), dated the 30th December, 2008, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Pay) Seventh Amendment Rules, 2008.

(13) G.S.R. 900 (E), dated the 30th December, 2008, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Fourteenth Amendment Regulations, 2008.

(14) G.S.R. 901 (E), dated the 30th December, 2008, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Pay) Sixth Amendment Rules, 2008.

(15) G.S.R. 902 (E), dated the 30th December, 2008, publishing the Indian Police Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Third Amendment Regulations, 2008.

(16) G.S.R. 903 (E), dated the 30th December, 2008, publishing the Indian Police Service (Pay) Fourth Amendment Rules, 2008. [Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 10538/09]

**Notifications of the Ministry of Finance**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excise Act, 1994, along with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:

(1) G.S.R. 908 (E), dated the 31st December, 2008, publishing the CENVAT Credit (Third Amendment) Rules, 2008.

(2) G.S.R. 836 (E), dated the 5th December, 2008, publishing the CENVAT Credit (Second Amendment) Rules, 2008.

(3) G.S.R. 882 (E), dated the 24th December, 2008, seeking to supersede Notification No. 14/2008-CE(NT), dated the 1st March, 2008 with effect from the 24th December, 2008, so as to prescribe abatement rates for the purpose of levy of central excise duty on goods leviable to excise duty on retail price basis, consequent upon change in effective rates of excise duty on such goods.

(4) G.S.R. 837 (E), dated the 5th December, 2008, amending Notification S.O. 95 (E), dated the 24th February, 2005, inserting certain entries in the original Notification.

(5) G.S.R. 840 (E), dated the 7th December, 2008, seeking to reduce the excise duty rate on specified goods.

(6) G.S.R. 841 (E), dated the 7th December, 2008, seeking to reduce the excise duty rate on specified goods.

(7) G.S.R. 883 (E), dated the 24th December, 2008, amending Notification No. 32/2005-Central Excise to extend benefit of the exemption to materials used in houses constructed upto the 31st December, 2008 and also to increase the monetary ceiling on the refund amount in respect of house built in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(8) G.S.R. 884 (E), dated the 24th December, 2008, seeking to exempt Motor Spirit (commonly known as petrol), falling under heading 27.10 of the First and Second Schedules to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985.

(9) G.S.R. 885 (E), dated the 24th December, 2008, amending Notification No. 62/2008-Central Excise dated the 24th December, 2008, seeking to exempt 10% ethanol blended petrol manufactured from petrol and ethanol, from the additional duty of excise.

(10) G.S.R. 886 (E), dated the 24th December, 2008, seeking to amend Notification No. 28/2002-Central Excise dated the 13th May, 2002, so as to exempt 10% ethanol blended petrol manufactured from duty paid petrol and duty paid ethanol, from the special additional excise duty.

(11) G.S.R. 887 (E), dated the 24th December, 2008, seeking to amend Notification No. 4/2006-Central Excise dated the 1st March, 2006, so as to reduce Central Excise duty on Cement Clinkers from Rs. 450/- per tonne to Rs. 300/-per tonne and exempt 10% ethanol blended petrol from Central Excise duty.

(12) G.S.R. 19 (E), dated the 12th January, 2009, seeking to modify the composition of the Investment Appraisal Committee referred to in condition (D) of the Notification No. 8/2004-Central Excise, dated the 21st January, 2004, to enable an officer of the rank of Secretary or Commissioner in the Department of Industry of the State Government to be inducted as a Member.

(13) G.S.R. 826 (E), dated the 1st December, 2008, amending Notification No. 14/2002-Central Excise (NT) dated the 8th March, 2002, rgarding creation of a new Central Excise Commissionerate of Guwahati. [Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 10565/09]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (7) of section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 along with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:-

(1) G.S.R. 5(E), dated the 2nd January, 2009, publishing Notification No. 01/2009-Customs, dated the 2nd January, 2009, seeking to impose Anti-dumping duty on imports of 'Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber (NBR), originating in, or exported from the People's Republic of Korea, based on the final findings in second Sunset Review Investigation conducted by the Directorate General of Anti-dumping and Allied duties.

(2) G.S.R. 14(E), dated the 6th January, 2009, publishing Notification No. 4/2009-Customs, dated the 6th January, 2009, seeking to impose definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of float glass, originating in, or exported from, the People's Republic of China and Indonesia at the rate recommended by the Designated Authority in final findings of Sunset Review Investigation.

(3) G.S.R. 15(E), dated the 6th January, 2009, publishing Notification No. 5/2009-Customs, dated the 6th January, 2009, seeking to impose anti-dumping duty on imports of Mulberry raw silk (not thrown) of 2A grade and below, originating in, or exported from, the People's Republic of China and imported into India at the rates recommended by the Designated Authority in the final findings of Sunset Review Investigation.

(4) G.S.R. 30(E), dated the 15th January, 2009, publishing Notification No. 6/2009-Customs, dated the 15th January, 2009, seeking to extend levy of anti-dumping duty imposed *vide* Notification No. 107/2004-Customs, dated the 16th November, 2004, on imports of Melamine, originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China.

(5) G.S.R.47(E), dated the 22nd January, 2009, publishing Notification No. 8/2009-Customs, dated the 22nd January, 2009, seeking to impose definitive anti-dumping duty, on digital versatile discs recordable, of all kinds, originating in or exported from People's Republic of China, Hong Kong and Chinese Taipei.

(6) G.S.R.55(E), dated the 29th January, 2009, publishing Notification No. 9/2009-Customs, dated the 29th January, 2009, seeking to impose provisional safeguard duty at the rate of 25% *ad-valorem* on imports of Phthalic anhydride imported into India on certain conditions.

(7) G.S.R. 831(E), dated the 3rd December, 2008, publishing Notification No. 127/2008-Customs, dated the 3rd December, 2008, seeking to impose final anti-dumping duty on imports of Sulphur Black in all forms and strength, originating in, or exported from, the People's Republic of China and imported into India.

(8) G.S.R. 848(E), dated the 10th December, 2008, publishing Notification No. 132/2008-Customs, dated the 10th December, 2008, seeking to amend Notification No. 86/2007-Customs, dated the 10th July, 2007, so as to provide correct description of goods "partially oriented yarn" as partially oriented yarn of polyester.

(9) G.S.R. 853(E), dated the 12th December, 2008, publishing Notification No. 133/2008-Customs, dated the 12th December, 2008, seeking to impose final anti-dumping duty on imports of Rubber Chemicals.

(10) G.S.R. 869(E), dated the 22nd December, 2008, publishing Notification No. 134/2008-Customs, dated the 22nd December, 2008, seeking to provisionally exempt imports of vitrified and porcelain tiles (other than industrial vitrified tiles) produced and exported by specified parties from anti-dumping duty.

(11) G.S.R. 881(E), dated the 24th December, 2008, publishing Notification No. 135/2008-Customs, dated the 24th December, 2008, seeking to amend Notification No. 30/2008-Customs dated the 3rd March, 2008, so as to clarify that phenol originating in any country other than the United States of America, the People's Republic of Korea, or Taiwan and exported from the People's Republic of Korea will attract anti dumping duty.

(12) G.S.R. 889(E), dated the 26th December, 2008, publishing Notification No. 137/2008-Customs, dated the 26th December, 2008, seeking to impose anti-dumping duty on imports of Sodium Hydroxide, commonly known as Caustic Soda.

(13) G.S.R. 909(E), dated the 31st December, 2008, publishing Notification No. 138/2008-Customs, dated the 31st December, 2009, seeking to extend levy of anti-dumping duty imposed *vide* Notification No. 4/2005-Customs, dated the 24th January, 2005, on imports of Flexible Slabstock Polyol originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei and Brazil. [Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 10566/09]

III. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (4) of section 94 of Chapter-IV of the Finance Act, 1994, along with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:-

(1) G.S.R 839 (E), dated the 7th December, 2008, amending Notification No. GSR 645 (E), dated 6th October, 2007, to substitute certain entries in the original Notification.

(2) G.S.R. 10 (E), dated the 5th January, 2009, seeking to fully exempt eight specified services from service tax subject to certain conditions. [Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 10568/09]

IV. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 296 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, along with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:-

(1) S.O. 19 (E), dated the 5th January, 2009, publishing the Income-tax (First Amendment) Rules, 2009.

(2) S.O. 20 (E), dated the 5th January, 2009, publishing the Income-tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2009.

(3) S.O. 21 (E), dated the 5th January, 2009, specifying that the National Housing Bank (Tax Saving) Term Deposit Scheme, 2008 will qualify for deduction, under section 80C of the Income-tax Act, 1961, for the assessment year 2009-2010 and subsequent years.

(4) S.O. 197 (E), dated the 19th January, 2009, publishing the Income-tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 2009.

(5) S.O. 2310 (E), dated the 30th September, 2008, publishing the Reverse Mortgage Scheme, 2008.

(6) S.O. 2499 (E), dated the 22nd October, 2008, publishing the Income-tax (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2008.

(7) S.O. 2959 (E), dated the 23rd December, 2008, publishing the Income-tax (11th Amendment) Rules, 2008.

(8) S.O. 2861 (E), dated the 11th December, 2008, publishing the Income-tax (11th Amendment) Rules, 2008.

(9) S.O. 2949 (E), dated the 22nd December, 2008, publishing Corrigendum to S.O. No. 2861 (E), dated the 11th December, 2008 substituting Income-tax (Eleventh Amendment) Rules, 2008 as 'Income-tax (10th Amendment) Rules, 2008'. [Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 10569/09]

V. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, along with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications and delay statements:-

(1) G.S.R. 842 (E), dated the 7th December, 2008, publishing Notification No. 128/2008-Customs, dated the 7th December, 2008, seeking to amend the Notification No.21/2002-Customs dated the 1st March, 2002 published *vide* G.S.R. 118 (E) of the same date.

(2) G.S.R. 843 (E), dated the 7th December, 2008, publishing Notification No. 129/2008- Customs, dated the 7th December, 2008, seeking to reduce export duty rate on Iron Ore Fines from '8% ad valorem' to 'nil'.

(3) G.S.R. 844 (E), dated the 7th December, 2008, publishing Notification No. 130/2008- Customs, dated the 7th December, 2008, seeking to reduce export duty rate on Iron Ore Lumps from 15% ad valorem to 5% ad valorem.

(4) G.S.R. 845 (E), dated the 7th December, 2008, publishing Notification No. 131/2008- Customs, dated the 7th December, 2008, rescinding Notification No.116/2008-Customs dated the 31st October, 2008.

(5) G.S.R. 6 (E), dated the 2nd January, 2009, publishing Notification No. 2/2009-Customs, dated the 2nd January, 2009, seeking to amend Notification No.21/2002 - Customs, dated the 1st March, 2002, so as to withdraw countervailing duty exemption on certain items.

(6) G.S.R. 36 (E), dated the 19th January, 2009, publishing Notification No. 35/2007- Customs, dated the 19th January, 2009, to include four more countries *viz.* Republic of Benin, Myanmar, Malawi and Eritrea out of the list of 49 Least Developed Countries to avail of the benefit of the Duty Free Tariff Preference Scheme.

(7) G.S.R. 816 (E), dated the 21st November, 2008, publishing Notification No. 125/2008- Customs, dated the 21st November, 2008, amending various Customs Notifications to include two more ports.

(8) G.S.R. 878 (E), dated the 24th December, 2008, publishing Notification No. 136/2007- Customs, dated the 24th December, 2008, operationalising the Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme for Common Service Providers in Towns of Export Excellence.

(9) G.S.R. 9 (E), dated the 2nd January, 2009, publishing Notification No. 3/2009-Customs, dated the 2nd January, 2009, governing DEPB Scheme so as to delete from it the reference to paragraph 7.9 of the erstwhile foreign Trade Policy and replace it by rules 24 and 30 of the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006,which are the relevant provisions now.

(10) G.S.R. 7 (E), dated the 2nd January, 2009, publishing Notification No. 01/2009- Customs, dated the 2nd January, 2009, so as to create new entries in the Drawback Schedule, 2008-2009 for footwear made of leather-cum synthetic/textile materials. [Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 10567/09]

VI. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:-

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers, New Delhi, for the year 2007-2008, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report. [Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 10564/09]

1. **Notifications of the Ministry of Environment and Forests**

2. **Reports and Accounts** (2007-08) **of NBA, CPREEC and CEE and related papers.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): Sir, I lay on the Table

1. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, under sub-section (3) of section 63 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002:-

   (1) G.S.R. 120 (E), dated the 12th January, 2009, amending S.O. 2708 (E) dated the 17th November, 2008 in the list of authorized officers to file complaints with regard to offences punishable under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

   (2) G.S.R. 2708 (E), dated the 21st November, 2008, authorizing officers to file complaints with regard to offences punishable under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. [Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 10575/09]

2. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:-

   (i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), Chennai, for the year 2007-2008, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

   (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Authority.

   (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 10574/09]

   (ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC), Chennai, for the year 2007-2008, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

   (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

   (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 10747/09]

   (iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Environment Education (CEE), Ahmedabad, for the year 2007-2008, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

   (b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

   (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 10579/09]